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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO 74, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 13COI-H

13 December 1962

SUBJECT: Documentation of Cuban Contingency

TO: Chief
Historical Division
Office of Information
PACAF

Attn: PFCOI-H

Reference Msg, AFCHO 1884/62, subj: Documentation of Current Contingency, 24 Nov 1962, and Ltr, PFCOI-H, subj: Cuban Crisis Chronologies, 26 Nov 1962, the following data is submitted for this command:

a. Summary of the Cuban Crisis, Period 1 April - 13 October 1962:

During the early phases of the Soviet-Cuban military episode, the 13th Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence (DCS/I) provided the Commander, his staff, subordinate units, and other concerned agencies with significant items on Cuba when the events were not overshadowed by crucial developments in the normal sphere of 13th Air Force activity—Southeast Asia. The necessity for unusual dissemination by the DCS/I was reduced by the substantial flow of Cuban intelligence available to military personnel in newspapers as soon as it reached this command through military channels.

b. Chronology of the Cuban Crisis, Period 14 October-21 November 1962:

COMMAND AND CONTROL

23 October

DEFCON 3 was established by JCS at 2300Z. Subordinate units were instructed to assume the readiness posture and report when the status was achieved.

The 13th Air Task Force (P), APO 63, increased manning of its Command Post from the normal 8-hours to a 24-hour alert.

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

23 October

The staff at Hqs, 13th Air Force, and at all subordinate units, met to review actions required under contingency and war plans.

At Hqs, 6214th Air Base Group, APO 140, the Evacuation Plan was revised and dependent evacuation kits prepared for immediate distribution. Support effort for the locally-based Detachment 1, 405th Fighter Wing, was intensified.

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COMBAT FORCES

23 October

Defensive forces attained DEFCON 3 status at 0001Z. The number of interceptors on alert was increased from 2 on 5-minute, 2 on 30-minute, and 6 on 1-hour alert, to 4 on 5-minute, 4 on 30-minute, and all others on 1-hour alert. (This status was maintained until DEFCON 4 was declared at 0640Z on 28 November 1962.)

Offensive forces attained the new Single Integrated Operating Procedure (SIOP) posture at 0130Z. Flyable alert aircraft were loaded, manned and placed on ground alert (quick-strike) status.

1 November

Hqs, PACAF relieved this command of maintaining flyable aircraft on ground alert status and routine training was resumed.

28 November

DEFCON 4 was declared in effect at 0640Z.

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

20 October

The world-wide intelligence system declared an increased "Indications Alert Status" for any awareness of Communist movements and developments directly related, but not confined to, the Cuban crisis.

23 October

The DCS/I augmented the night duty staff to provide increased intelligence watch for analysis and reporting purposes. Publication of a special Daily Intelligence Summary (DISUM) began.

Reconnaissance forces in Southeast Asia continued special missions directed by the Commander, 13th Air Force, and COMUSMACV.

14 November

The non-duty augmentation watch schedule of the DCS/I, Hqs 13th Air Force, was normalized.

27 November

The special DISUM published daily at 0400Z was discontinued and all intelligence activities returned to normal.

AIRLIFT

23 October

(S) Close surveillance began of all airlift passing through the 13th Air Force area so that the Commander would have first-hand knowledge of available airlift in the event the situation deteriorated.

PERSONNEL

23 October

(S) Hqs, PACAF advised of personnel required to bring this command to 100 percent manning status, as prescribed by the 13PDC DEFOON Checklist. (Atch 1.)

26 October

(S) Initial Personnel Status Report (PERSTAT) submitted to Hqs, PACAF. (Atch 2.)

LOGISTICS

Negative.

BUDGET

Negative.

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1-13PDC DEFOON Checklist
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MEMORANDUM FOR: 13PPL

26 Oct 62

In compliance with instructions contained in 13PDC BEFOON Checklist, the following action has been taken by 13PMP. Message forwarded to Hq PACAF 23 Oct 62 advising that hq of personnel shortages required to bring this command to 100% manning. Figures forwarded were as follows:

* Reported on PERSTAT

<u>AFSC</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>ASGD</u>	<u>SHORT</u>
1065A	5	46	7
1325B	4	3	1
1535	6	45	41
1744A	98	94	4
6416	7	6	1
7324	13	8	2
003X0	9	8	1
206X0	14	13	1
223X0	8	13	1
24X0A	3	2	1
27198	1	0	1
273X0A	195	178	17
294X0	5	1	5
29390	8	1	1
301X1	30	29	1
30390	4	3	1
322X0H	15	12	3
322X13	2	0	2
322X19	5	2	4
32290	2	1	1
423X1A	27	16	13
4290	13	2	4
43X0	0	2	4
45100	1	2	1
462X0	1	0	1
47120	25	23	5
47122	32	28	1
51X0	16	14	2
551X0	22	18	3
552X0	15	12	4
559X0	2	1	1
60X0	14	12	2
605X0	9	7	2
64720	15	12	3
6572	2	1	1
658X0	2	1	1

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651X0	12	14	4 *
671XP	50	44	6
683X0	4	3	1
687X0	2	0	2 *
701X0C	2	2	1
705X0	9	8	1
713X0	1	0	1
721X0	9	6	3
73290	4	3	1
771X0	573	571	2
90299	1	0	1
902X2	10	7	3
906X0	26	22	4
90698	1	0	1
922X2A	12	10	2 *

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REPORT AS OF 2400Z, 24 OCT 62. MESSAGE IN SIX PARTS. PART I.

KEY PERSONNEL DEFICIENCIES. S/GEN STEPHEN D. MCILROY, DEPUTY

CGMR, 13TH AF, TDT JTF 116, THAILAND. PART II. MARKING

DEFICIENCIES:

COPT	APSC	AUTH	ASCO	SHORTAGE
ST AT/RY	1744A	98	93	5
INSTAL	273X0A	195	178	17
CAS	322X0B	15	12	3
	322X10	2	0	2
IA	322X1H	6	2	4
INFO/SV	32290	2	1	1
ASP	423X1A	27	14	13
PM	30X10	11	7	4
SAFETY	647X0	56	55	1

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ACTION EXCEPT REVIEW OF PROCEDURES. PART V. COMMANDER'S
COMMENTS NONE. PART VI. THIS PERSTAT REPORT FOLLOWING PACAF
OPLAN 100-62 OUTLINE DUE TO LACK OF GUIDANCE AND NON RECEIPT OF
THE MESSAGE FYFPL 3091.

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